



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

We thank you Lord for our school family and for all the gifts each of us bring. This week we are particularly thankful for Hannah and for all her joy and love. Thank you that even in these toughest days, you are always with us and because of Jesus we have hope.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Ella	Archie G
Reception	Reggie	
Year One	Rosie	Olivia
Year Two	Claudia	Henry
Year Three	Eleanor	Austin
Year Four	Zach	Lola
Year Five	Finlay	Lucianna
Year Six	Archie	Emily

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

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'I came to give life - life in
all its fullness.'

John 10:10

Year 1 SODA

Today, Year 1 had their SODA (Start of the Day Activity) sessions. It was lovely to see lots of parents and families come into class with their children.

They enjoyed playing phonics games, counting games, doing jigsaws and creating paintings on the Chrome Books.



Year Five Football

On Thursday last week, 2 teams of Year 5 children went to Westway in Chorley to compete in a football tournament organised by Chorley FC. They all played excellently in their teams and showed great football skills! They had a fantastic day playing football in the sunshine and represented the school perfectly. Go Team St Mary's!





St Mary's School Open Day



You are warmly invited to visit our school on the following day:-

Tuesday 3rd December

1.30pm to 3.00pm

During this session you will be able to visit each of our classrooms whilst lessons are in progress and speak, not only to staff, but to the pupils too.

Staff, governors and children will be on hand to guide you around and answer any queries you may have.

We believe our school is a very special place where children are happy in their learning and have a full range of activities to enjoy.

We look forward to welcoming you.
No booking is required, please just turn up.



Winter Wonderland

Our Winter Wonderland Enterprise Event will be held on **Friday 6th December**. Please put this date in your diaries and come along to support this fantastic event! It promises to be a lovely start to the Christmas festivities!

Chocolate Tombola

Our PTFA would be grateful for donations towards the Winter Wonderland chocolate tombola.

Any chocolate items you can bring to school to support this event would be much appreciated. Please bring your donations into school by **Friday 29th November**. Thank you.



School Photographs

Please make sure you send your child's school photograph request and payment back to school by **Friday 29th November**.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 25th November	All Day	Staff Inset Day
Wednesday 27th November	4.30-6.00pm	SPAG Challenge Y5 & Y6 (Tarleton Academy)
Friday 29th November	9.00am	Start of the Day Activity YR (Please Join Us)
Friday 29th November	1.30 pm	Music Alive Jazz Band performance
Monday 2nd December	9.00am	Nursery Library Visit
Tuesday 3rd December	1.30-3.00pm	Open Afternoon
Wednesday 4th December	All Day	School closed to remember Hannah
Friday 6th December	9.00am	Start of the Day Activity Nursery (Please join us)
Friday 6th December	4.00-6.00pm	Winter Wonderland (Please join us)

Letters Home

Whole school—Thank you and school closure

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Archery Games KS1 & KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Choir	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Girls Football After School Club KS1 & KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Admission to Primary School 2025 is now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2025 is 23.59pm on 15th January 2025.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.
You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.
If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.
Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE 15 JANUARY 2025

School transport
Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council

Dates for your Diaries

As December is a busy time for everyone, we want to share some important dates for you to add to your diaries. These dates can also be found on our website.

Wednesday 11th December	9.45-10.45am	EYFS/KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 12th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	2.00pm & 6.00pm	EYFS/KS1 Performance (Please join us)
Friday 13th December	Whole School	Pantomime-Cinderella (Blackburn)
Friday 13th December	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch
Monday 16th December	9.30am	KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Monday 16th December	6.00pm	KS2 Performance (Please join Us)
Tuesday 17th December	9.30am	KS2 Community Performance (Please join Us)
Tuesday 17th December	2.00pm	KS2 Performance (Please join Us)
Thursday 19th December	9.30am	KS2 Party Day
Thursday 19th December	1.00pm	KS1 Party Day
Thursday 19th December	5.30pm	Carol Service St Marys Church (Please join us)
Friday 20th December	2.00 pm	School closes for Christmas

Derian House

We are supporting Derian House Children's Hospice again this year by selling their Jolly Jingles. These will be on sale in the school office from next week and cost £3.00 each. We are limiting sales to one per child, but will try to get more stock if they are popular and sell out. Can we ask that your child brings the correct money or is prepared to make a donation beyond £3, as no change can be given.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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